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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Stellon, et al.      **EXAMINER:** Matthew F. DeSanto  
**SERIAL NO.:** 09/981,178      **GROUP ART UNIT:** 3763  
**FILED:** October 16, 2001      **DATED:** July 5, 2006  
**FOR:** TROCAR SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE

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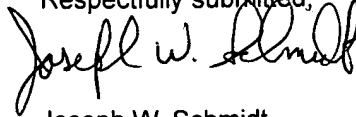
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -  
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 3763**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

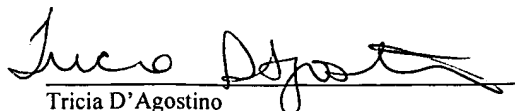
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